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Michael Poirier, et al.

CLIENT/MATTER NO.: 100560.0009US1

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In re application of: Michael Poirier, Vijay K. Mahant

Application No.: 09/977,930

Group No.: 1641

Filed: 10/11/2001

Examiner: Lam, Ann Y.

For: Semi-Continuous Blood Separation Using Magnetic Beads

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**AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION--TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

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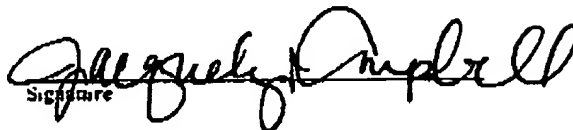
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**STATUS**

2. Applicant is a small entity A statement was already filed.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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ADDIT. FEE						


No additional fee for claims is required.

**FEE DEFICIENCY**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the final Office action of September 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification -/-.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings -/-**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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